Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Is it obligatory that colonies should be formed if licenses are to be given to the depressed classes for these lands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): It is obligatory. Otherwise they will be treated just like any other application on its merits.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas-Kanayannur*): Will the Government be pleased to assign these lands to the depressed classes on a low tharavila to be recovered after the lands are improved by them

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): That is subject matter of a resolution that has been tabled for discussion. Our position will be made clear when it is taken up.

PARVATHIAMS AND MENONS.

77. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(*a*) whether the Parvathiams and Menons who are now recruited are in non-pensionable service;

(*b*) when was this rule introduced;

(*c*) whether a Village Menon once in pensionable service if promoted as Parvathiam is entitled for pension?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1st Chingam 1099.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know when these village officers will be superannuated?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): At 55.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are there not Parvathiams and Menons in the Department who serve the Department after attaining the age of 55?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): In one or two cases extensions have been granted under special reasons.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): What are those special reasons?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): In one case which I remember where he was hale and hearty, it was very doubtful whether he should be retired. A reference was made to the Government. I had already retained him in the belief

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that this rule regarding the age limit is not applicable to him since he was a person appointed after 1st Chingam 1099. He was allowed to continue for one year more.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): If a person is hale and hearty will you allow him to continue after 55 years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I gave you the reasons for this particular case. There is no general rule.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ൻൻ-ന ശേഷം ഉള്ള നിയമനങ്ങൾ ഈ വയസ്സ് തികഞ്ഞാൽ റിട്ടയർ ചെയ്യണമെന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): That has been the definite order of the Government.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ൻൻ-ന ശേഷം ചേർന്നിട്ടുള്ള വില്ലേജ് ഭൃത്യസ്ഥന്മാർക്ക് പെൻഷൻ വേണ്ടെന്നു വെക്കുവാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണു്?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): The reasons are given in the order dated 1st Chingam 1099. They are recruited from leading men of the Village and heredity is if possible asked to be taken into account in appointing their successors. It was thought in 1099 that where the principle of appointment was recognised by heredity the question of pension might be dropped.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: പിൻതുടർച്ചാവകാശം വഴിക്കു പാർത്തുഭരന്മാരായിരുന്ന പെൻഷൻ പറ്റി പിരിഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളവരുടെ ആരുടെയെങ്കിലും മക്കൾക്കു് ഉദ്യോഗം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): The question has not arisen till now. No Parvathiakaran has died after 1099. They show a tenacity to cling to their lives. (*Laughter*).

WARDHA SCHEME OF EDUCATION—INTRODUCTION OF.

78. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how far they have progressed in the examination of the Wardha Scheme of Education;

(2) if they have found it worth a trial, will they be pleased to take it up in hand at once;

(3) if so, will they be pleased to consider the claims of villages which are backward in education and in which the children are drawn away for field work in certain seasons?

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